

REMARKS

The subject matter of originally filed dependent claims 8, 15, and 20 has been added to independent claims 1, 11, and 18, respectively. The presently known prior art fails to teach or suggest the limitations of the claims as presented herein.

Entry and consideration of the foregoing amendments is respectfully solicited prior to both calculating the filing fee and undertaking examination. Consideration and examination of this continuation application is respectfully solicited in due course. No new matter has been entered.

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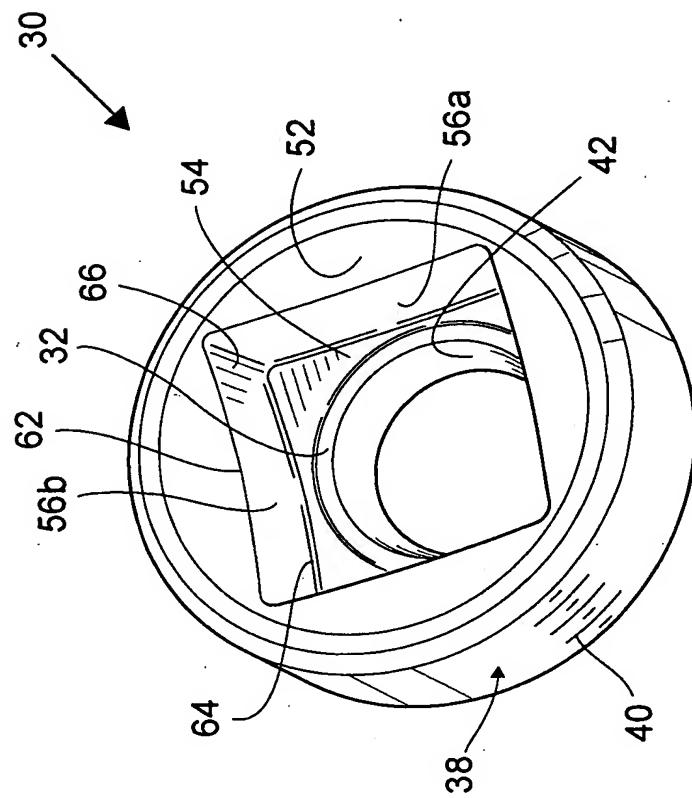


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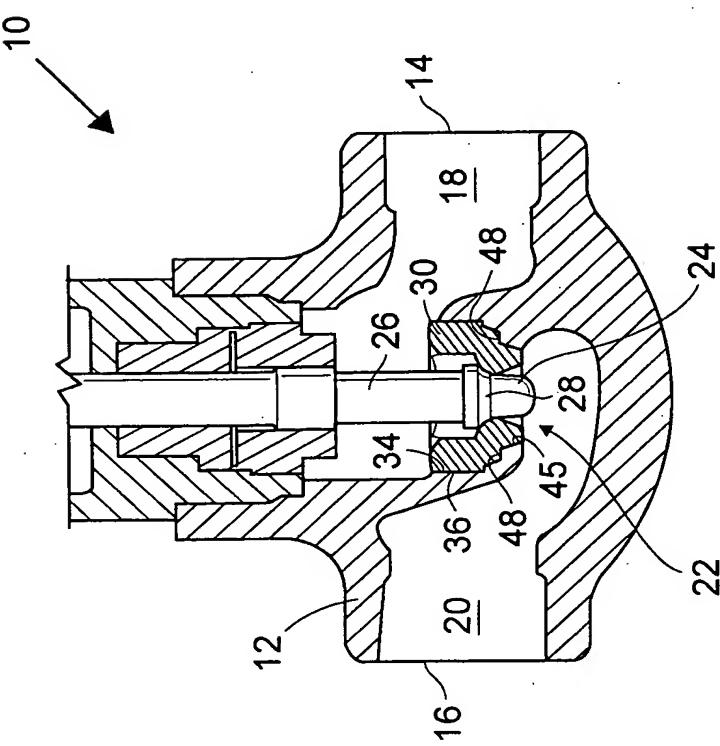


FIG. 1

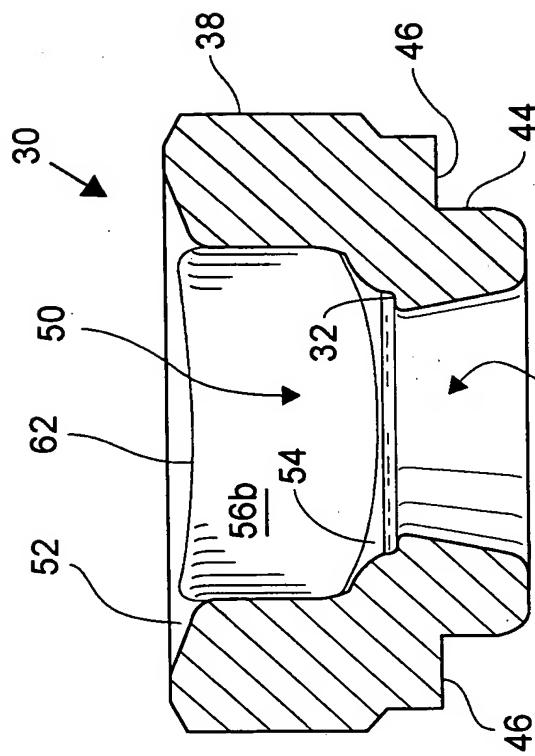


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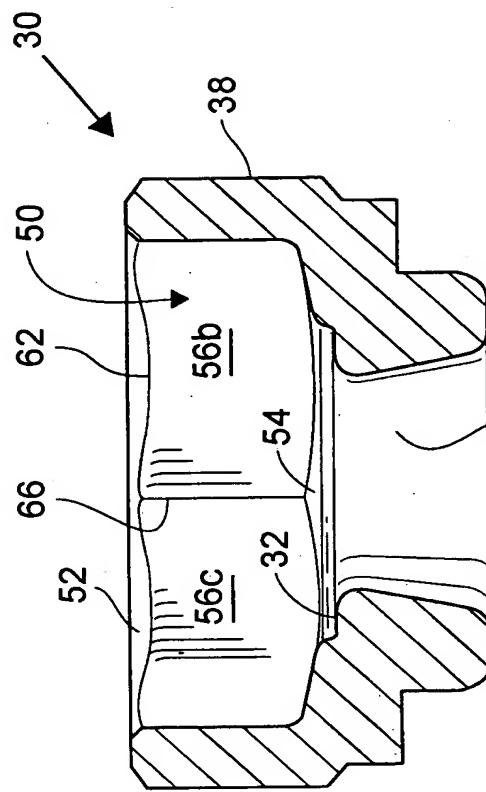


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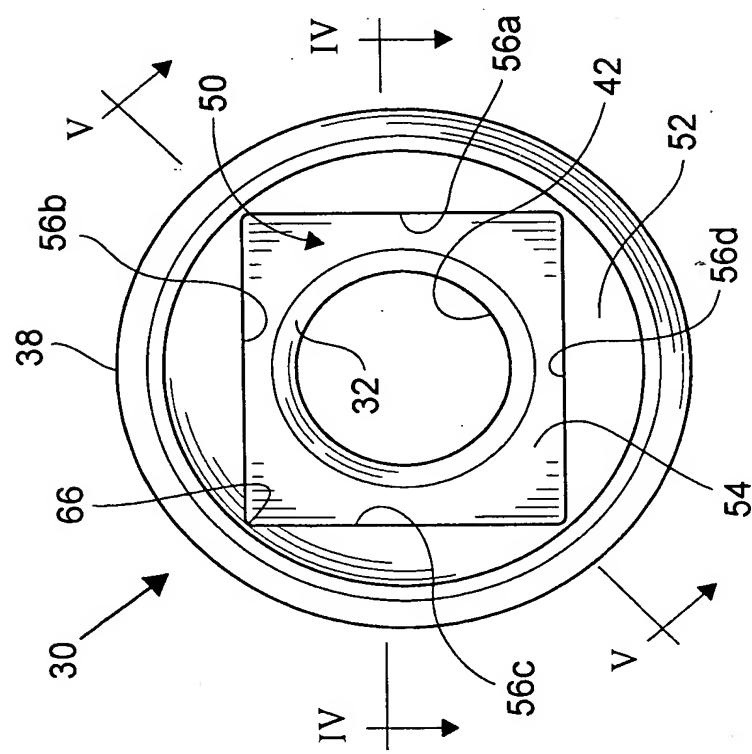


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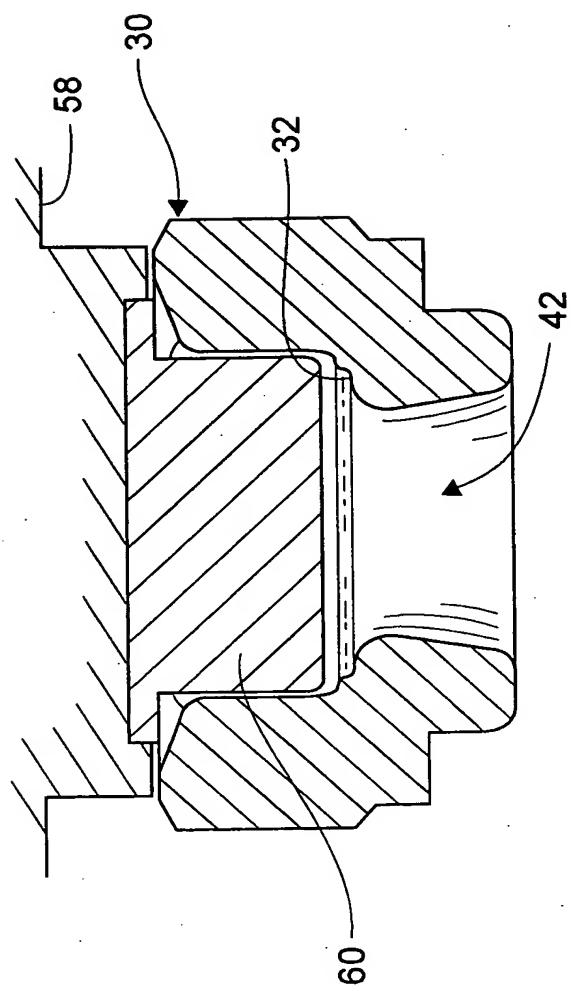


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